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Foreign Minister Muniz received me at 1615 on 3 hours notice, reshuffling his appointments scheduled, for purpose.

I said that I expected more information shortly, including a letter from President Kennedy to be presented to President Guido. Bearing in mind that USIS bulletins publicly announced that President Kennedy will speak in Washington this evening on matter of highest national urgency, I said that it would be most important for me to be received by President Guido around 1800 or 1830 Buenos Aires time. Foreign Minister assured me he would arrange that. He telephoned to the Casa Rosada but the President was taking his siesta. He will call me back later.

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I stressed the likelihood that Ambassador McClintock on his return here late today would undoubtedly want further to talk with the Foreign Minister and probably with the President and that I was acting in accordance with Washington instructions to insure that the Argentine officials had adequate prior knowledge of events.

Foreign Minister asked me to mark his words: "We will give you all support necessary. This is a battle of the free world." I, impressed, thanked him.

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